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COUNSELORS SEEK PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION LEGISLATION

The Montana Personnel and Guidance Association has developed legislation for counselors and pupil personnel workers. Information about the bill has been sent to counselors and other educators throughout Montana. Persons desiring information about this proposed legislation should contact Dr. Robert Van Slyke, Assistant Professor of Education, University of Montana, Missoula.

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PLANS BEING MADE FOR SPRING COUNSELOR MEETING

Dr. Michael Basham, President of the Montana Personnel and Guidance Association, is making arrangements for the spring counselor meeting to be held in conjunction with High School Week at Montana State University. Mike is making an effort to obtain a speaker of national repute. Information about the meeting will be disseminated to school counselors when plans have been finalized.

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REGIONAL GUIDANCE WORKSHOPS WELL ATTENDED

During December, 1970, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction conducted regional guidance workshops at Wolf Point, Glendive, Billings, Havre, Great Falls, Kalispell and Missoula. Approximately 290 persons including counselors, administrators, teachers, school board members and County Superintendents attended. The guidance staff of the State Superintendent's Office wishes to thank everyone who attended and participated in the workshops.

V.I.E.W. PROJECT

The Vital Information for Education and Work Project (V.I.E.W.) was discussed at the regional guidance workshops held throughout the state in December. The V.I.E.W. Project uses microfilmed occupational information which would be localized to Montana and the surrounding region. V.I.E.W. is one means of providing students with current and complete vocational information, thereby enabling students to make wiser vocational choices.

To determine the possible implementation of the project, feedback from schools indicating their interest in participating in this project is necessary. Schools which have not responded or did not have a representative at the guidance workshops will be sent futher information in February.

Responses may be sent to: Del Gustin, Vocational Guidance Supervisor, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Helena 59601.

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FOLLOW-UP AND DROPOUT STUDIES CONDUCTED AT KALISPELL

Dorothy Neils, school counselor at Kalispell, recently conducted a follow-up study of the 1964 and 1969 graduates of Kalispell High School. A copy of the questionnaire used for this study may be obtained from Mrs. Neils.

Presently, Bernard Lund also a counselor at Kalispell, is engaged in developing a dropout study for the Kalispell schools.

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SCHOOL COUNSELORS INVOLVED IN CRISIS CLINICS

Orvis Stenson, Director of Guidance at Charles M. Russell High School and a member of the Crisis Clinic Planning Board in Great Falls, reported that several school counselors from the Great Falls school system are working in the Crisis Clinic. Persons selected for work in the Center receive training intervention therapy. School counselors are also working in Crisis Clinics in Billings, Butte and Missoula.

HEALTH CAREER KIT AVAILABLE

The American Hospital Association has developed a Health Career Kit for counselor and student use. The kit includes information about training programs in educational institutions throughout the state and "state" hospital associations where health career information may be obtained. In addition, the kit includes a catalog of American Association films and filmstrips and various pamphlets regarding opportunities in health careers.

Counselors may obtain one free copy by contacting Barbara Bloom, Director, Division of Careers and Recruitment, American Hospital Association, 840 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

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AMERICAN PERSONNEL AND GUIDANCE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

The annual American Personnel and Guidance Association Convention is scheduled for April 4-8, 1971 at Atlantic City, New Jersey. Advance registration and housing request forms are available from the APGA 1971 Convention, 1607 New Hampshire Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20009.

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EXPLORING THE WORLD OF WORK

One effective means of encouraging students to examine all the possible factors involved in career decisions was discussed at the regional guidance workshop in Billings. Del Dunham, Counselor, Laurel High School, stated that the Sextant Series which provides the student with a career profile is helpful in aiding students with career selection.

The Sextant Series uses 70 questions, covering personal traits, interests and needs, to develop a job profile. This job profile can then be compared against specific occupations to determine similarity.

Mr. Dunham said that he uses this instrument in conjunction with the Kuder Preference Record as a starting point for career exploration. For further information, you may write Mr. Dunham or ALP Publications, Inc., 746 W. Winnebago Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53205.

LIFE CAREER GAME

One excellent method when working with students in a group counseling situation is to use the Life Career Game. The Life Career Game aids students in planning for the future by discussing life styles.

The Game uses a hypothetical student, whose educational background may be similar to the students playing the Game, for whom students plan the next eight to ten years. Factors included are related to life as much as possible. Therefore, if a team of students decide to terminate "their" student's education and seek employment, the job possibilities along with leisure time activities are affected. Marriage and the number of children are some other factors included. When students defend their planning, they are forced to examine personal goals and values.

Mr. George Carlin, teacher, Helena Senior High School, recently used this Game with his psychology class. Comments from Mr. Carlin and his students were very positive. Any inquiries you have on using this Game may be addressed to Mr. Carlin.

The Game can also be purchased for $35.00 at the following address:

Western Publishing Company, Inc.
School and Library Department
850 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10022

COUNSELING FILMS AVAILABLE
FROM STATE FILM LIBRARY

Four "Distinguished Contributions to Counseling" films have been purchased and are available from the Montana State Audiovisual Library, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Helena, Montana 59601. Persons interested in ordering those or other films from the audiovisual library must request the films through their local film coordinator. For additional information relative to ordering procedure, consult the publication Directory of 16 MM Educational Sound Filmstrips, Available From The Montana State Audiovisual Library 1970, pages V and VI.

These films were developed by the American Personnel and Guidance Association, in cooperation with Washington University, Distinguished Contributions Films Inc. and KETC - TV of St. Louis.

These films are excellent for use at meetings, conventions, seminars in classrooms or for in-service training programs.

The following counseling films are available:

Film Number: 7380 GUIDANCE AND THE ROLE OF THE COUNSELOR
APGA 1970 Color 25 Minutes

Dr. E. H. Shoben considers the nature of man, how competing values affect the counselor, counseling theory and the role and function of the school counselor.

Film Number: 7381 DIALOGUE ON VOCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT THEORY, A - Part 1
APGA 1970 Color 25 Minutes

Is vocational development theory a special case of general development theory? Is growth continuous and irreversible? Two leading vocational development theorists seek answers to these and other questions related to their theories. (John Holland and Donald Super).

Film Number: 7382 DIALOGUE ON VOCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT THEORY, A - Part II
APGA 1970 Color 25 Minutes

How can counselors encourage career development in normal personalities? What can parents and teachers do to help? What is the relative importance of emotions and thinking in determining vocational behavior? These are some of the questions asked of John Holland and Donald Super.

Film Number: 7412 CONTEMPORARY Counselor, THE
APGA 1970 Color 25 Minutes

Deals with the role and function of the counselor, especially the school counselor, in an age of rapid social, economic and technical change.

HAVE YOU SEEN THESE GUIDANCE FILMS?

The following films are available from:

Educational Communications Industries, 107 Ridge Pike, Conshohocken, Pa. 19428.

Elementary Films:

Let's Take a Trip
Sex Education
The Year 2000
What Will I Be?
Who Is A Leader?
You're In Jail

Secondary Films:

The Year 2000
What Will I Be?
Who Is A Leader?
Who's Got the Needle?
You're In Jail